

REMARKS

The present Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment submitted on May 14, 2003. Claims 1-8 and 10-24 are presented for examination, of which claims 1, 10, 15, and 20 are in independent form. Claims 1-8 and 10-24 have been amended to further clarify the claimed subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 are believed patentable for the reasons set forth in the Remarks section of the Amendment and Petition For Extension Of Time filed on May 14, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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